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Camera repaired

A camera stationed near a city sewer line is in need of repair as soon as possible, according to Department of Public Works officials.

Romulus City Council members voted to allow the department to repair the camera, at a cost that should not exceed \$2,100, at their regular meeting Monday night.

The camera is used to view - on land - the status of storm drains and sanitary sewers, culverts and sump pump lines.

The camera is inoperable as the seals have failed, and the unit took on additional water. A diagnostic land cable was also damaged, and needs to be replaced, according to paperwork submitted by the Public Works Department.

The vendor that will provide the supplies need to repair the camera is Jack Doheny Supplies of Northville.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE, NEWS YOU CAN TRUST

Police seek suspects in abduction case

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A steady number of tips have come into the Romulus Police Department regarding the carjacking and abduction of an area man on Sept. 3, but not enough to determine the whereabouts of the victim.

Det. Dwayne DeCaires said Monday that investigators are still looking for Dorale LaShawn Doyle, 26, who was forced into a black 2008 Chrysler Town & Country minivan by several armed men outside the Ramada Inn Hotel in Romulus in broad daylight.

"It's still an active investigation, and we are still looking into to this as we speak," he said. "What I can say is that its very unusual that (Doyle) has not shown up. He has not been heard from by anyone, including his family and his girlfriend, since he was abducted."

Doyle's abduction took place took place outside the hotel, which is located at 31119 Flynn Dr, police said. The victim pulled up to the hotel in a white 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan, which has since been recovered by police.

A suspect identified as Monroe Jackson, and another man, took Doyle out of the vehicle at gunpoint, according to witnesses. Jackson and the accomplice forced Doyle into the black minivan and proceeded to drive away in an unknown direction, police said.

Police believe another suspect, Lashondra Jackson, and an additional armed man ordered a passenger traveling with Doyle out of the

Grand Caravan and stole this vehicle.

Both vehicles left in an unknown direction from the hotel.

The weapons were described as handguns. Police were called the scene shortly after the incident.

Currently, investigators are looking for the victim, two suspects, and two area residents described as persons of interest.

Dorale Doyle is a 26-year-old black male who is 5-feet, 10-inches tall.

Of the two main suspects, Monroe Alexis Jackson is described as a black male who is 30 years old, 5-feet, 1 inch in height, and 120 pounds.

Lashondra Alysse Jackson is a black female who is 40 years old and 4-feet, 11-inches tall. Monroe Jackson was last seen in the black Town & Country, and Lashondra Jackson was last seen in the white caravan.

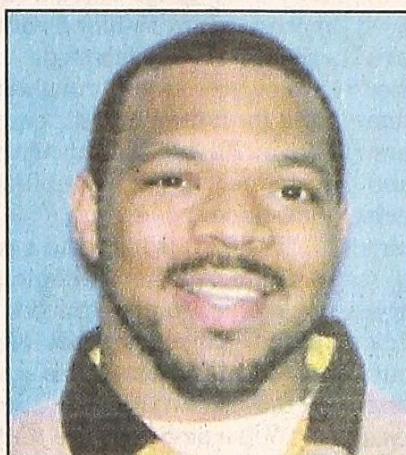
The two persons of interest are Lovell Martin, a 26 year-old black male who is 6-feet tall, and Fianna Sheree Bowers, a black female who is 23 years old and 5-feet, 9-inches tall.

Police are also seeking the Town & Country minivan, plate number BSR-3234.

DeCaires said the department has received about 10 tips regarding the abduction, and describes them as "credible."

"Some of the tips we received are things that we were already looking into, so we know there is something to them," he said.

Police departments in other



Dorale LaShawn Doyle



Monroe Jackson



Lashondra Alysse Jackson



Sheree Bowers



Lovell Martin

municipalities are also on the look-out for the individuals, DeCaires said, though he declined to elaborate on where the suspects may currently be located.

Police are worried about the health and safety of the Doyle but stop short of conjecture about his possible fate.

"We are treating this as a very serious matter, but to assume the worst has happened to him at this time would be speculation," DeCaires said.

If anyone saw any unusual activity at the Ramada Inn or has any information on the whereabouts of any of the aforementioned persons, contact DeCaires at (734) 942-6880.



Heavenly fun

St. Aloysius Catholic Church parishioners hosted the annual community picnic recently. Here, Fr. Festus Ejimadu (center) poses with the children who challenged him to a "spirited" game of soccer. The game was just one of the events at the picnic, which had face painting by Daboo the clown, an ice-cream social, rides on the children's train provided by the Wesleyan church, an appearance by the Romulus Fire Department and all kinds of games, food and refreshments.

Grant will pay for housing, center

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding will once again pay for the 10-year bond issue that built the Romulus Senior Center, and for housing rehabilitation throughout

the city.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) submitted a proposal to the Romulus City Council to use the \$274,000 for those projects Monday night.

Without the allocation, the projects might not be possible, said Mayor Alan Lambert, who sits on

the DDA board.

"We have about six or seven years left on the senior center bond, and that's how we typically paid for that," he said. "I don't think that we would be able to do that without those funds."

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11,000 visit new airport terminal

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Although the new North Terminal at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) won't officially open to travelers until Sept. 17, nearly 11,000 area residents checked-in this weekend.

The North Terminal preview, which took place Friday, welcomed guests into the new facility, which will replace the soon-to-be decommissioned Smith and Berry terminals.

"The Airport Authority is delighted that so many community members took advantage of the opportunity to experience the North Terminal for themselves," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson.

"The incredible attendance at our preview events reinforces that the community is truly interested in their airport, and it was a privilege for us to share this new facility with the customers and the community that we serve," he added.

Events to celebrate the new terminal began in earnest on Friday,

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Addition to campus unveiled by college

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Hundreds of area residents were eager to go back to school on Monday when the latest addition to the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) campus in Belleville was unveiled.

The new 43,143 square foot Western Campus Educational Multipurpose Center was opened to the public for the first time and attracted the crowd of well wishers. The building will provide the college and area employers with a flexible, high-tech academic environment for employee training and student learning, officials said.

“We’re officially introducing it to everyone,” said Campus President Patrick McNally. “It feels fantastic for it to be complete. I was a chief academic officer helping with the plans and now I’m back at the college watching the whole thing. It’s gone way beyond my imagination what everyone came up with.”

Ground for the \$12.79 million was broken in October 2006. It now includes: a 100 seat lecture hall with interactive conference capabilities and complete multi-media resources; a computer lab complex; three flexible technology labs; dining space and a gallery area.

Among other features, a 500 seat multipurpose room provides not only high technology, but also a computerized system that’s set-up according to serving size and accessed doors.

“The three flexible technology labs also allow us to shuffle things around and partner with businesses and companies so they can come in here and we can meet the needs of the community in different ways,” said McNally, who has been campus president for about two years.

“One of the nice features in there, too, is

the roll-up doors to bring both front and back access to the rooms. This space will be utilized in the spring semester in time to work the bugs-out and make sure it’s working as it’s supposed to.”

The new computer labs will host classes, like video game design, making the area more forward thinking with its wiring and capabilities, officials said.

New trees were brought-in for the atrium area for a theme that’s carried throughout the building. An Internet café, which includes wireless capabilities, will lead to the outdoor pond area.

“The idea is to create a coffeehouse-type atmosphere where people grab a latte, sit down and are able to work,” McNally said. “We also have doors that lead to the outdoor pond, which creates nice scenery for people to enjoy.

“We’re seeing more and more student life,” he added. “Students are asking where the food areas are, they’re gathering for group discussions and spending time in the areas while waiting for their back-to-back classes.”

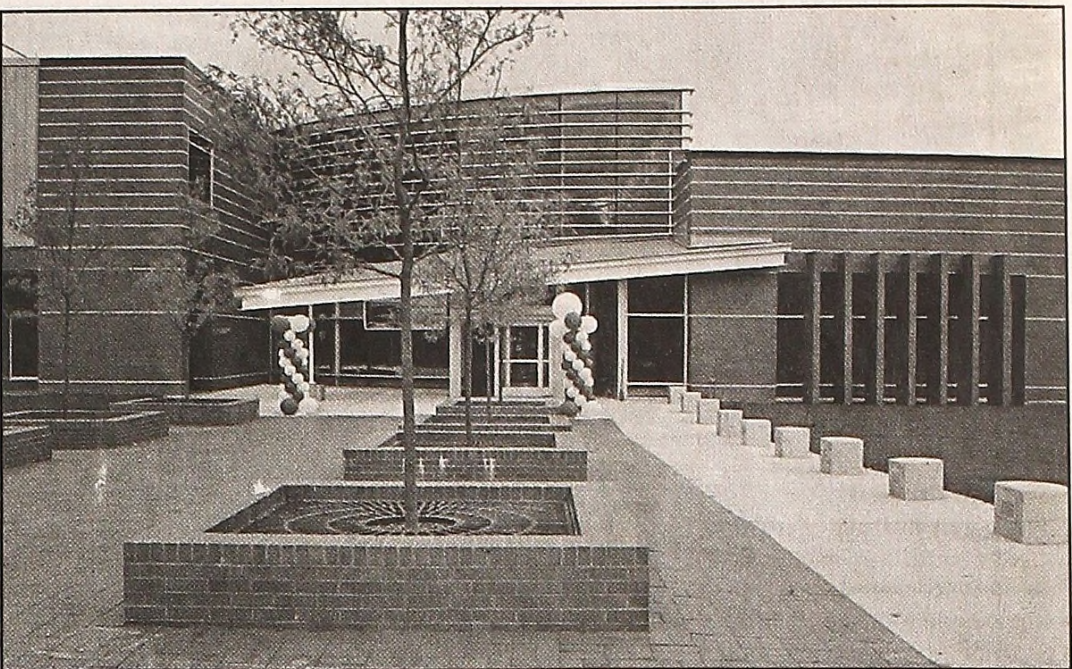
Administrative offices were moved by the student activities area and academic career-advising center to keep traffic flowing. A new bookstore was also built, officials said.

“It’s very nice, there’s more space and more parking,” said Sandra Gordon, a new student from Belleville.

A new learning/tutor lab in the student services department will accommodate students with special learning needs, as well.

“Basically, it’s a one-stop-shop for student services,” said McNally. “In the past when students came in it wasn’t in the same area, but now it’s designed so everyone comes to one spot.”

The western campus educational center will expand the district Health Science program offerings and also other public safety



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programs, such as Criminal Justice, Corrections, Law Enforcement and the new “Emergency Response and Safety” associate degree program. These program offerings will support the staffing needs of the airport authority, business and governmental agencies within western Wayne County, according to the school.

College Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery said he feels they’re moving in the right direction. Students are proud, the project has been well received within the district and he’s heard nothing but ‘good things’ about the expansion.

“It feels great and it’s just the beginning,” he said. “We’ve given them an environment that’s conducive to teaching and learning with a collegiate feel. We’re also being responsive to the community and we always wanted to demonstrate our commitment to the region.

“I think people will enjoy the whole collegiate atmosphere the most because it speaks to our commitment to students to have a learning environment we’ve been able to create,” he added.

Planning for new facilities and the exist-

ing structures started in 1999 and, with the approval of the district millage request in November 2001, the college launched a program of institutional transformation, officials said.

“It’s a campus that belongs to the community; it really is their campus,” said Vidya Moorthy, a spokesperson for the college. “It’s a vital resource and people will be amazed to discover this facility in their own backyard.”

The expansion couldn’t have come at a better time either, now that enrollment has grown consistently by 23-68 percent at the western campus, according to school officials.

“This campus was projected to be the fastest growing area in Wayne County because of area growth and business growth,” McNally said. “Other communities are growing older, but we’re continuing to grow.”

“The western campus is now the fastest growing campus in the district and it should present a lot of really neat opportunities for expanding distance learning and teleconferencing,” added Ivery.

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Inkster trial date is changed

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A Wayne County Circuit Court judge has a journed the trial of a Dearborn Heights man accused of bludgeoning an Inkster woman to death last year.

Judge Diane Hathaway delayed the trial date for Joseph Patrick Perron, 30, a second time pending the results of psychological tests designed to determine whether he was sane when he stabbed and struck 29-year-old Keisha Penny multiple times last October.

Jury selection in the trial was scheduled to begin today, but will now take place on Oct. 30, according to Maria Miller, a spokeswoman for Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

The tests are being conducted by the Forensic Center Report on Criminal Responsibility, which will determine his mental state when the crime was committed as well as Perron’s ability to assist in his own defense.

Perron was charged with one count of first-degree, premeditated murder and a count of first-degree felony murder, both of

which are punishable by up to life in prison; and first-degree home invasion, a 10-year felony.

Police and prosecutors allege Perron killed Penny, a healthcare worker, at the home she shared with her boyfriend, Leonard Paisley, on Harriet Street.

Paisley testified in a pre-trial hearing at the 22nd District Court in Inkster that he had handed off his then 18-month-old son to Penny, the child’s mother, so that she could care for him in the morning hours of Oct. 7, 2007, at a location outside of Inkster.

Paisley said he has spoken to Penny during the day, and that everything seemed fine.

At about 4 p.m., Paisley testified that he came home to find the house ransacked, and Penny covered in blood in a hallway of the home.

Paisley testified that his son was in the house near his mother’s body when he arrived home. He called police, who processed the scene for evidence with the assistance of the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory for the next 16 hours.

Perron and Paisley were co-workers for several years, and

Paisley admitted on the stand he had previously sold Perron drugs.

Paisley also testified that Perron had inquired about purchasing cocaine, and that he was unable to provide the drugs.

Investigators believe Perron made his way to the home, and entered the house by removing a wall air conditioning unit from a window. The crime scene report from the state police indicated that the unit was found overturned on the floor of the home.

A medical examiner’s report indicated that Penny endured at least 17 severe blows from a claw hammer, and suffered several more contusions before she died.

Perron was arrested by Inkster Police detectives in March 2008 at a drug rehabilitation center in Muskegon after blood evidence matching his genetic makeup was discovered on a claw hammer found at the scene, and on an inside of an entertainment center at the home.

Perron will return to court on Oct. 3 for a final pre-trial hearing before the trial begins Oct. 30.

The proceeding will take place at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Grant

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“We thought for a while that we were going to lose the grant altogether, but it appears (the federal government) is committed to the project for at least a few more years,” he added.

The CDGB program is a 34-year-old program created by the federal government to benefit local communities.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) oversees the allocations that are spent by more than 1,000 communities throughout the United States.

The program is used as a tool to fight blight, poverty, health and safety issues that exist in mostly urban areas.

HUD provides the grant dollars to Wayne County on a local basis. The county then disperses the funds to local communities. The county also provides assistance to

communities in determining proper usage of the funds.

In 2005, according to HUD, \$4.7 billion in funding was turned over to local governments for special projects. The funding was on the chopping block at a federal level to quell federal deficits, but the program was ultimately saved.

At a local level, the Romulus DDA makes a determination about how the money should be used.

Lambert said the \$274,000 allocation has been stable for the city.

“It’s a good number for us,” he

said. “I cannot remember a time when it was significantly higher or lower during my tenure.”

In 2008, \$208,000 will be used to pay down the bond issue that financed the senior center, which was completed in 2005.

After the bonds are repaid, the city will then explore how the funds could be used, if the federal government is on board with the program.

“That’s something we’ll have to look at when that happens,” he said.

A small amount of the money – \$34,000 – will be used for emergency housing rehabilitation. That program allows residents to apply for funding for serious repairs, like to fix a furnace, or replace a faulty roof.

The remaining \$32,000 will be used for senior services.

In Wayne County alone, 34 low-to moderate-income communities receive block grant funds. They are used for housing rehabilitation, blight abatement and capital improvement projects.

Airport

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with a VIP Preview and Charity Benefit.

About 1,000 guests were the first members of the public to explore parts of the new terminal while enjoying a strolling dinner by Forte Bellanger and entertainment by Alizma—a musical sensation direct from Las Vegas.

Guests were also treated to performances by a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Quartet and the King High School Marching Band from

Detroit, which recently performed at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Proceeds from the ticketed event will benefit the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, First Step, The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and Traveler’s Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit.

Scott Wintner, a spokesman for the authority, did not have the exact amount generated from the event, but said it would benefit the charities.

Area residents visited the facility Saturday. Wintner said that the free event was attended by nearly 10,000

residents – 2,600 of whom were friends and relatives of the contractors who have worked on the site for

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the past two years. Those contractors designed, built or contributed to the planning, design and construction of the terminal.

Scott Roberts, the deputy director of the authority public affairs division, said attendance was much higher than initially projected.

“Participation in Saturday’s open house far exceeded our expectation,” he said. “While it was really a thrill to see so many people interested in the terminal, we also recognize that the huge draw created longer-than-planned wait times for some attendees to get to and from the free parking lot.”

Attendees of the open house also

had an opportunity to enter into a raffle for prizes such as a plane-load of gas in gas cards, a trip to Walt Disney World, several round trip airline tickets and various other prizes.

The North Terminal will house several airlines, including Air Canada, American Airlines, AirTran Airways, Frontier Airlines, Lufthansa German Airlines, Royal Jordanian Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, US Airways, USA 3000, and charter airlines.

The North Terminal Redevelopment Project is creating an estimated 3,200 new, local construction jobs, officials said.

Back in time

Event celebrates history of earliest area inhabitants



Representatives from the Native American Indian Association of Detroit, clad in ceremonial garb, will explain the dances and music that are central to their cultural heritage.

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Some of the earliest history of the region will be repeated this Saturday as descendants of the Anishnabeg Indians and other tribes gather at Nankin Mills.

Visitors to the annual Native American Heritage Day in Westland will have an opportunity to attend a special social gathering where they can learn more about the cultures of the Native Americans who first inhabited the area.

Designed in part to overcome stereotypes of Native American life, the event is presented each year by Wayne County Parks and the North American Indian Association of



Detroit (NAIA) to familiarize citizens with native cultures and at the same time to honor those traditions. The NAIA bills itself as the oldest urban Native American Indian agency in the United States.

"The native people of the Great Lakes, the Anishnabeg (including the Ojibwa, Odawa and Potawatomi people) will host a special social gathering at Nankin Mills to share their culture and heritage," reads a written statement provided by the Wayne County Parks Department. "It is poignant that they will gather at Nankin Mills, a gathering site for Anishnabeg historically."

From 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, visitors to Nankin Mills Park will have the opportunity to listen as "the drumming circle will lead the dancers in their beautiful regalia through the ceremony", according to the statement from Wayne County Parks. Visitors will also have an opportunity to purchase crafts created by native artisans, who will also be demonstrating their work.

In addition to the demonstrations, individuals will have a chance to tour the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, including the Native American exhibit.

Although most of the activities are free, there will be a nominal fee for individuals who wish to purchase native foods from on-site vendors.

Nankin Mills Park is located adjacent to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center at 33175 Ann Arbor Tr., east of Wayne Road. Visitors should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets from which to watch the festivities.

For more information, contact Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecounty-parks.org.

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City yard sale planned

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Start cleaning closets, attics and garages because it's time again for the Belleville Citywide Yard Sale.

On Sept. 27 and 28, residents from around the city will get the once-a-year chance to sell goods without a city permit. Typically, a permit is \$3 for the first sale of the year, \$10 for the second and \$50 for the third at the same residence, according to Michelle Bellingham, assistant to the city clerk/treasurer/acting city manager.

All day on both Saturday and Sunday the permit is free, however if people want to set up early on Friday, Sept. 26, they must purchase a permit, she said.

"People can get rid of things and it's a convenient way to do it," said Bellingham. "Some people really love it and go out searching for something in particular. Everyone should check it out."

Mayor Richard Smith, who has been

involved and seen many citywide sales now, said it's a good time for residents to clean out garages and basements and visit the sales.

"See your neighbors, get some exercise and shop," he said. "I don't know if I'll be selling this year, but I'll be shopping because you never know, I may find that one thing I've really been looking for."

The Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society will also take part in the event with a sale at the Juriga's home. The groups are collecting items for sale and will be collecting items from now until the yard sale weekend. Proceeds will go toward the museum. To donate, the location and more information, contact the museum at (734) 697-1944.

Victory Park will be another site for the citywide sale. The Belleville Area Girl Scouts are selling 10 by 10 foot spots for \$10 all weekend. Proceeds will go toward group projects and programs. To reserve a spot, contact Candace Myschock at (734) 502-7622.

For general information about the citywide yard sale, contact city hall at (734) 697-9323.

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OPINION

Avoiding even the appearance of wrongdoing

There are things to like and things to dislike about the recent appointment to the Plymouth City Commission.

Ed Hingelberg seems like a good replacement for Chris Lynn, who turned in his letter of resignation Friday.

He's well-recognized in the community; he has a solid background with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board and knows that the success of the city relies heavily on the success of downtown. He even has thoughts about Old Village, too, and that's always a refreshing thing to see.

We trust Mayor Phil Pursell's judgment in this, too. Pursell is a Plymouth lifer, well in touch with the community. He knows who will best serve the community, who will provide valuable input and, as he puts it, a different perspective. It's well within his right—it is, in fact, his responsibility—to appoint someone quickly and it's unlikely that the commission would sign off on it if they had any doubts.

Even so, we wish they had taken a little bit of time with this. Granted, this issue has probably come up prior to this

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weekend. Lynn has likely known about his impending transfer for a few weeks, at least, and therefore Pursell has known he'd need to find someone new in relatively short order. But receiving a letter of resignation on Friday and appointing a replacement a few days later might not sit well with residents.

There is no pressing issue facing the community that couldn't wait a week or two until the commission received applications or letters of interest as they have had in the past.

Hingelberg may be well-qualified, but who knows, there may have been someone equally qualified out there who would be interested in the spot, someone who deserved some consideration.

This is not a criticism of the appointment, of Hingelberg and certainly not of Pursell. If anything, it is a reminder of the times in which we live and the need for absolute transparency in everything that government officials do and in every act they take.

We agree that is a sad commentary on the times in which we live and on some of the people elected to the state and national stage, not to mention the seeping paranoia that accompanies the sour stench of corruption from Detroit that none of us can escape.

The right man probably got the job and in other circumstances, Pursell would be admired for his decisive and prompt attention to taking care of business in the city.

We just hope for a more open process next time around to prevent even the appearance of anything other than those motives.

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Lansing fails schools

Officials in school districts may have another unfounded mandate to worry about.

On top of other state-imposed issues, they may have to embrace all-day kindergarten in order to keep some of their funding.

There is a move in the Legislature to reduce funding to districts that don't provide a full day of kindergarten.

On the surface, it makes sense. Many districts are already leaning that way—the Wayne-Westland School District has implemented it in four schools and many private schools already offer it. Districts like Plymouth-Canton and Northville are looking into it, too. There is plenty of research to show why it is effective for our youngsters, who seem to be capable of learning more at a younger age than most of us thought.

Tying it to funding, though, shows how out of touch legislators are with school issues.

If they try to tie what they consider 'appropriate' funding to full-time kindergarten, they're overlooking the fact that it costs districts more to provide the service. If history is any indicator, they won't provide adequate funding for it, anyway. In effect, it will force districts to add expenses that the state won't fully cover.

In many cases, there's a space and infrastructure situation to deal with, too. Half-day kindergarten allows schools to fill a room twice a day instead of merely one.

School officials like having a large student population at the elementary levels because it traditionally doesn't cost as much to educate them as it does high schoolers; they tend to make up what they're missing at the higher levels through funding that comes in from the lower ones.

If legislators really want to promote this idea, they should reward districts above and beyond the annual per-pupil foundation allowance.

Penalizing those that aren't capable of implementing it is just a bad idea, all around.

What, exactly, do they have to hide?

I sometimes wonder at the apparent disconnect between members of the Wayne 20/20 Committee and the Wayne City Council.

The first is supposed to be a think tank kind of organization for the latter, yet the majority of their ideas end up falling by the wayside. They've managed to have the mural implemented—despite some council resistance—and a few other things, too, but it hasn't been an easy go.

This latest recommendation and the treatment it received is even more of a mystery.

The 20/20 Committee wanted something relatively simple: they wanted city council meeting agendas posted on the new city web site

as soon as they were formalized.

Rather than acknowledge that it was a good idea and pass it along, the council members referred it to the administration to see how much it would cost and what it would take to implement it.

Is this bureaucracy in action, or what?

This is by no means a radical suggestion. It is actually keeping with modern times and open government. You can hit virtually any municipal web site and find a current agenda, approved minutes and so on. In Canton Township, you can find agendas for the board of trustees meetings as well as the planning commission. In the City of Northville, you can find agendas for anything from the arts commis-

sion to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and, of course the city council. You can find not only the agenda, but links to the background information, as well.

Let's not forget that Wayne pays someone on a monthly basis to...keep the website fresh. What will it cost? Nothing. Why not just do it?

I've heard from a few residents since the issue came up and was brushed aside at the last meeting. They've complained about how they asked for agendas to be faxed to them and were refused. They've requested packets and been told they need to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

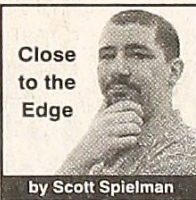
This is silly. For one thing, the

city doesn't have to respond to such a request until well after the meeting takes place and secondly, they can charge for the service.

There's no reason not to make government more accessible to the residents. They shouldn't have to deal with outdated practices just to find out what's going on with their government; they should have to take time off work to go and pick up an agenda or visit city hall on meeting nights to find if there's anything to stay and provide input on.

This is not a radical request; it's a simple suggestion and a good one.

It should be treated that way.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Another case of better late than never

It's about time.

And when I say that, I mean it in the most sincere way possible. And what I'm talking about is the move to make Diana Kollmeyer (better known as the Belleville City Clerk, Treasurer and acting City Manager)—the city manager.

Why couldn't this have been done sooner?

I've heard she was asked many times to take the 'official' title, but wasn't interested until now. Finally, about six weeks ago, she must have changed her mind and decided it was time. I mean, in everyone's eyes, she was doing the city manager's job anyway. She is more than qualified for the role, so why not get the title and compensation she's entitled to after a year and a half of the work; that's what I say makes sense.

"It's taken me a long time to think I can do it," Kollmeyer said at the last Belleville City Council meeting. "I do really want to do it, but we have to do something and the process hasn't worked outside of this."

Oh, if only this had been decided before the Michigan Municipal

League (MML) stepped in, brought forth candidates the council felt weren't qualified. There was a lack of city management experience, a lack of remembering and understanding simple questions during the interview process and one can-

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Diana Kollmeyer

didate even put council members to sleep, they said.

To top it off, the facilitator of the MML city manager search told Kollmeyer if she was considering the job, the city should just hire her and find a new clerk.

Not only was money wasted, but also time when a clearly qualified candidate has been at city hall for the past 10 years.

Councilmembers—and many citizens—have expressed their faith in Kollmeyer as the next city manager.

"She has her heart in the right

place, but knows it's going to be a lot of hard work," said Councilman George Chedraue.

"She's the one for the job," said Mayor Richard Smith. "She's been responsive and we need to let her lead and do the job."

Even those who have their reservations, like Councilman Brian Blackburn (who voted 'no' on changing the hiring requirements and to enter contract negotiations with her) said he, too, is not about "micro-managing and if this happens, she's the boss."

Maybe she doesn't have the college degrees in municipal government and management, but she seems to have the knowledge and experience to move the city ahead. Her formal hiring could be official as soon as the next council meeting.

Kollmeyer couldn't have said it any better. It is time to move forward (and to be frank, we're all sick of dealing with the repercussions the lack of a full city staff has caused) and to you I say 'good luck' because anyone who has followed the city happenings for the last few years knows you're going to need it.



King's Court

by Andrea King

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Letters

Treasurer elect thanks supporters

To the editor;

There are many to thank for my success in the Aug. 5 primary for the Canton Treasurer's race.

First, I'd like to thank all the voters that took the time to come out on a hot August day to vote. There are many more enticing things to do in August in Michigan, so it means a lot to all the candidates that were on the ballot that you showed up to be counted. I particularly would like to thank those that voted for me. I appreciate more than you'll ever know your support and confidence in me to do this job. I promise you I will work hard and smart for you and all of Canton. Running for office is a very humbling experience, and I don't take your confidence lightly. My friends, new and old that came out and stood in the hot sun throughout Tuesday passing out lit - thank you, thank you, thank you! I was there too throughout the day, and during my "off shift" I tried to get to as many precincts as possible to pass out cold water and snacks to keep you all hydrated. This is the first year in a long time that I could be considered "tanned."

Thank you to everyone that sent notes of support, donations, volunteered to do mailings or help with going door to door, to those who gave me encouragement and great advice - I couldn't have made it without you. In every way, you were my rocks and I appreciate the gift of your time, talent and purse. I have never hugged and kissed so many people in such a short period of time as I have over the past week. To my inner circle of supporters and friends - you know who you are - your friendship and encouragement is overwhelming and I love you all more

than you'll ever know, even though this is all "your fault."

My husband, John, who is the least political person I know, was by my side day in and day out. Putting up signs, going door to door and listening to me as a worried, debated and fidgeted about this problem or that without one word of complaint. He listened and encouraged me every step of the way and I am thankful I had him by my side. I could not have done this without him. Of course, the "bribes" of an ice cream after an afternoon of work probably helped too. My sons, Ian and Bryan who took the day off to help on Election Day - thank you guys.

To all the people that opened their doors to me as I was going door to door - thank you. I enjoyed meeting you, chatting for a moment with you, and I took away with me your enthusiasm about living in Canton. You were my moral support every day as I listened to your positive feedback about our community. I marveled at the beautiful neighborhoods, seeing them so much better as a walker, than as a driver. The beautiful gardens and well kept homes, and the hundreds and hundreds of American flags that fly - truly like a walk in the park every day.

I'd also like to thank the men that ran in the Trustee race. Amazing men all of them and Canton should be proud to have such qualified, intelligent and committed people willing to take on the responsibilities as our Trustees. I'd especially like to thank Karl Zarbo and Noreen Rybar for their ardent friendship and support. Todd and Kay Caccamo who stumped for themselves, and gave their support to me in the process, Thank you! My new friends, John Anthony and Pat Williams and their families - what tremendous people they are. Their

support and assistance was invaluable. Congratulations to them all for running and good luck in November. To Fred Bolden, my friend, who worked hard and instead of ice cream, bought his kids books at Borders as rewards for helping him campaign. A father, a friend and teacher to the end. Mike Andro, who is also a new friend, who worked hard and undoubtedly will find a new role in Canton as he has so much to offer our community. Mr. Presad, a noble man who I have enjoyed getting to know and look forward to seeing in the future. He has much to be proud of in his long career as an engineer, father and religious leader.

And last, but certainly not least, thank you to the staff in Canton Township. Without the hard work and interoffice support you give each other during the frantic times of elections, we couldn't commit acts of democracy without you. The staff at Canton Township, is the best - bar none - and it is proved every day with the efforts they put forth doing their jobs. House after house that I visited throughout this summer told me stories about how this employee or that had gone out of their way to help them or provide them quality service. I am proud to be associated with the caliber of people that work for Canton Township.

I look forward to my new role as the Canton Treasurer. I have big shoes to fill, following Elaine Kirchgatter who has so ably handled the Treasurer's department for the past four terms. I have a lot to learn from her and her staff and I will work hard to make sure the transition will be smooth.

Thank you all from my whole heart!

Melissa McLaughlin,
Canton

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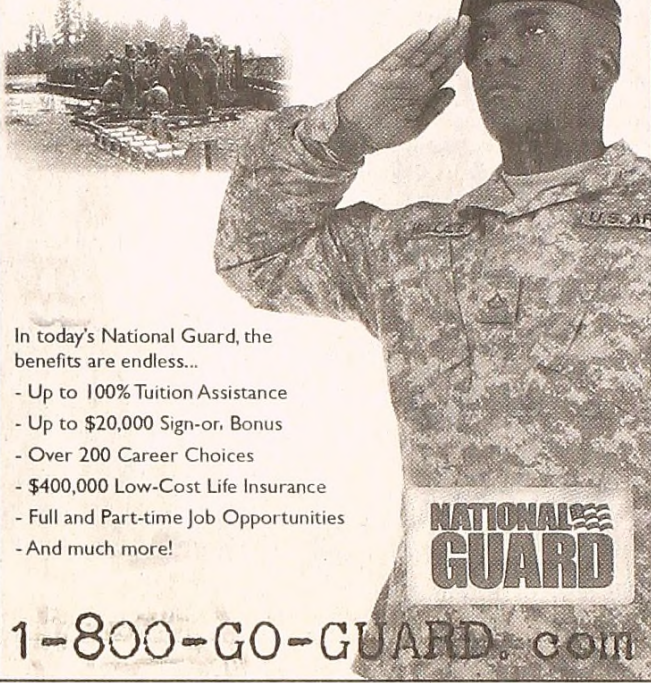
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Best friends

Meet Eric Kalter, who was 4 when this photo was taken, and his grandfather's dog, Bernie. The pair appeared on our Plymouth Fall Festival cover and prompted several questions about their identities. Bernie developed bone cancer and died in January, according to owner, Robert Denstedt of Canton Township. Bernie was adopted just hours before he was scheduled for euthanasia at the Westland Humane Society by Denstedt who claims he was "the best dog I ever had." Bernie won second place as the biggest dog in the Optimist Pet Show at the festival last year, but will always have first place in his family's heart.

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Boxes, Household Misc.
Unit 723-Bobco Automotive:
Auto Parts, Jacks, Bear Auto Equipment, Band Saw, Rims

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New baccalaureate program OK'd for schools

Andrea King
Staff Writer

A proposed International Baccalaureate program could replace the gifted and talented program in the Van Buren Public School District.

School officials have said the proposed changes could benefit more students.

"It's a more comprehensive educational experience for children, along the lines of the gifted and talented program, but a wider appeal for more children to take the opportunity to take advantage of a deeper study of learning," said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the district.

The current gifted and talented program

requires students to qualify for the classes, while the proposed international baccalaureate program is open to all students, officials said.

Van Buren schools took the first steps to become an International Baccalaureate school this summer when 22 administrative personnel and staff attended a three-day workshop in Canada. The program offers an international education to a worldwide community of schools and is committed to supporting the ongoing development of a worldwide professional learning community comprising internationally minded teachers, school leaders and school administrators, officials said.

Dr. Linda Olson, director of curriculum and personnel for the district, has initiated the

move for Van Buren schools. She's been directed by members of the school board to find out the budget details of implementing the program.

If Van Buren applies as a district for on site training, it would require being selected from a large number of applicants.

"Because the application fees include the consultant services, this qualifies this fee to be able to come out of Title II funds for staff development," Olson said. "Staff development costs also can come out of Title II, teacher, principal training funds. This has been a fairly stable fund for a number of years. There's also some grant sources that I can follow up on, but our Title II funds are reasonably stable and could provide the support necessary for training."

International Baccalaureate includes grades kindergarten through 10 and a diploma program for grades 11 and 12, which would have to have a minimum of six subject areas covered for a diploma, Olson said.

Another concern, Henning said, is how many children would actually be positively affected by the program if put into place. Materials, supplies and texts also need to be discussed further, Olson said.

Trustee Toni Hunt said she would like to see all the information about the program before the school board moves forward on anything.

The earliest the school district could see the new program is the 2010 school year, according to officials.

Cyclists gear up for 14th 'Toy Run'

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

On Sept. 21, Westland will team with Santa's helpers clad in black leather as local motorcycle enthusiasts ride in the 14th Annual Toy Run.

The motorcycle ride, which is sponsored by Motor City Harley Owners Group (HOG) Chapter 2368, will take interested participants on a cruise of the region. The escorted ride will be flanked by officers from the Westland Police Department.

To participate, riders will be asked to get into the holiday spirit by donating \$10 per person along with a new, unwrapped toy or \$15 per per-

son without a toy donation. The money and toys will ultimately be given to the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps to help make Christmas brighter for Westland children.

"It's a chance to ride and to help children," said Larry 'Rigid' Telling, director of Motor City HOG Chapter 2368. "It's a lot of fun."

Individuals interested in participating in the ride should arrive at Westland City Hall between 10 a.m. and noon on Sept. 21 to register. Westland City Hall is located at 36601 Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Telling said that the group hopes for a turnout of between

400-500 people.

"It varies," said Telling. "It all depends on the weather."

Although the event is sponsored by the Harley owners group, riders on all types of motorcycles are welcome to participate in the event. The ride will take place rain or shine. The group will be leaving promptly at 12:30 p.m.

The escorted ride will come to an end at Joy Manor, located 28999 Joy Road in Westland where participants will be able to continue the party.

For more information about the event, visit www.motorcityhog.com or call (313) 438-3464.



Each year, hundreds of toy-toting riders descend on Westland for the annual Toy Run.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Deputy Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty (40).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Payne moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comments on request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Envelope Printery. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to the applicant from the Envelope Printery for an explanation. The applicant reviewed the project stating the new machinery and support equipment provides the latest high-speed envelope folding machine available. This new equipment will increase production throughput from an advertised rate of 800 envelopes per minute achieved on the older version folding machines to 1,500 per minute, providing the capability of efficiently competing in the high-quality (long runs) envelope production market place, increases number of colors printed and higher quality flexographic printing giving the ability to compete in this market. Supervisor King stated the Envelope Printery has been business since 1985. The Board has been provided with a revised agenda cover sheet and Resolution for clarification. Resolution 2008-37 indicates the Envelope Printery is investing in excess of 2 million dollars in new equipment and is located within an established Industrial Development District (#7); the project will create six new jobs by December 31, 2009 and recommends four year personal property abatement. Executive Assistant Ireland stated based on the existing tax rate, over the four year time period without the tax abatement, the Envelope Printery would pay approximately \$19,877 in Township taxes; with the abatement would pay approximately \$9,939 in Township taxes. The Township has not received any objections from any other taxing jurisdictions. The Envelope Printery moved into a vacant building on Samuel Barton Drive and with Wayne County's TURBO program rehabilitated the vacant decaying building. Director Kelley stated the previous use of the building was as a warehouse. Supervisor King stated the Board approved Tax Abatement Guidelines assess on a point system with a 100 points being the maximum possible giving values for the following: cost of proposed improvements; whether or not the project comes from within or outside of the State of Michigan, within or outside Van Buren Township; number of jobs expected to be produced; composed of manufacturing or research and development; environmental impacts. The Envelope Printery's total was 54 points qualifying for four year tax abatement on personal property. The tax abatement agreement sets forth milestones the applicant must meet noting six new jobs by the end of 2009, the amount of millage currently in effect with the understanding it is a representative example and millage can increase or decrease over time. The Board was also provided with a copy of the Resolution Establishing an Industrial Development District in 1984 and a map of the location on Samuel Barton Drive off of Haggerty Road, just north of Tyler Road.

Board members made the following comments: Trustee Hart inquired about the six positions and the capacity of the equipment. The applicant stated currently to run the new equipment two skilled labor and one support personal have been hired for each of the two shifts per day. Further, since the Envelope Printery moved to the Township in 2007 they have hired three part-time and four full-time new employees from the 48111 zip code area. The applicant stated the capacity of new equipment will increase production by over 86 percent a year. Trustee Jahr stated at the Work Study Session inquired if the equipment had already been installed and the equipment has been installed noting the law allows for the application to be filed within six months of the installation of the new equipment and the revised Resolution clarified dates. Trustee Clair commended the company for being able to assess and determine a path towards future success in this economic climate.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Budd moved, Clair seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comments on request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Die-Namic, Inc. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Executive Assistant Ireland for an explanation. Executive Assistant Ireland stated the Township received the application for tax abatement from Die-Namic, Inc. on July 9, 2008 requesting tax abatement in an existing Industrial Development District #10 established in 1986, on personal property equipment in the amount of \$834,307. Die-Namic originally came to Van Buren Township in 2007 relocating into an empty building on Haggerty Road. The new equipment was purchased from a Toledo, Ohio Company and relocated the assets to the facility located at 7565 Haggerty Road. Die-Namic, a manufacturing company, with this new equipment allows expanded product range and manufacturing capabilities in material shaping and forming. The Township has not received any objections from any other taxing jurisdictions. Under the Township's Board approved Tax Abatement Policy, Die-Namic qualifies for six year tax abatement. Die-Namic anticipates adding an additional twenty-four new jobs. The clarified agenda cover sheet states under "#7. Based on the existing tax rate, over the six (6) year period with out the abetment, Die-Namic would pay approximately \$10,160 in Township taxes per year. With the abatement they will pay approximately \$5,080 per

year." The clarification of dates on Resolution 2008-38 denotes the date in compliance for the twenty-four new jobs by December 31, 2009 and the application was received on July 9, 2008. Supervisor King reiterated the project is an investment in excess of \$800,000, is expected to produce twenty-four new jobs, the Resolution based upon the Tax Abatement Guidelines recommends a six year tax abatement on personal property receiving a total of sixty-three and one half points and the agreement contains milestones and completion dates.

Board members made the following comments: Trustee Jahr had same comments as the previous tax abatement clarifying the date of number of new jobs and date the application was received. Further, thanked Executive Assistant Ireland for the revised documents. Trustee Rochowiak stated it is nice to see businesses expanding in the Township. This also helps sales in other local businesses such as restaurants.

Residents made the following comment: A resident was happy with the new jobs but, was concerned there was not a representative from Die-Namic at the meeting.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of August 18, 2008 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of August 18, 2008 as presented. Carried.

Clair moved, Payne seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2008 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King acknowledged the following new Public Safety employees: dispatcher, Sally Donaldson, three new fire fighters Lacey Jo Marcotte, Richard Copeland and Matthew Barry, two new police officers Michael Rini and Ryan Barry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve second reading for adoption of Ordinance 8-19-08 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to add Industrial Accessory Outdoor Storage. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Jahr, Payne, Rochowiak, Budd, Clair, Hart and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 08-19-08 follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Payne moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-37 to authorize an Industrial Exemption for The Envelope Printery and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. Carried.

Clair moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-38 to authorize an Industrial Exemption for Die-Namic, Inc. and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-39 the 2008 tax rate. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve permit application PN#5873032 1034-08-2580 by AT & T to install telecommunications infrastructure in the westerly portion of the Lohr Road public right of way; at a point east approximately 280 feet north of the Brown & Rounds Drain where it crosses Lohr Road. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Clair moved, Budd seconded to approve the September 2, 2008 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Ross announced the Michigan Recreations and Parks Association Hall of Fame traveling display showing the history of Parks and Recreations in the State of Michigan will be in Van Buren Township in late October through early November.

A resident announced the Belleville Chamber of Commerce is hosting a golf outing on Friday, September 5th and Saint Anthony's Men's Club is hosting a golf outing on Friday, September 12th. Also, he has watched the Board Meetings on television and commended the Board on the good job the Board does. Trustee Jahr thanked the resident for the comments.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: September 11, 2008

Witness to history

Local woman attends 2 iconic American events

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Jacqueline Galloway-Blake recently experienced an uncanny sense of déjà vu.

The 60-year-old Romulus resident and noted professional storyteller realized that, as the coverage of the presidential election between Democrat Sen. Barack Obama and Republican contender Sen. John McCain heated up, Obama would accept the nomination to run for the nation's highest office.

That day was Aug. 28, 2008, during the Democratic Convention in Denver, Colo. Obama was the first African American nominated.

For Galloway-Blake, who attended the convention as a guest, the event was historic, yet familiar.

Forty-five years earlier – to the day – the then 15-year-old high school student witnessed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's address in Washington D.C., which was the culmination of the beginning of social change for African Americans.

A wrinkle in time

Unlike many Americans, Galloway-Blake said she knew an African American president would be elected in her lifetime.

"I had no doubt that this day would come," she said a week after the convention conclusion. "But what I take away from the convention is seeing this African American family coming toward the end of the stage, and I thought to myself, 'this really could be the next first family.'"

"I wish I had the words to describe how I felt when I saw (Obama) there," she said. "I just don't have the vocabulary to describe it, but it was wonderful," Galloway-Blake said.

The lifelong educator said getting to the convention took a lot of legwork. First, she called the local office for the Obama campaign, and was waitlisted. Weeks went by, and Galloway Blake had heard nothing.

All of that changed, however, when she was contacted by Jennifer Austin, who runs Obama's Canton Township office.

"I received an e-mail from her that I was invited, and that I would have community credentials," she said.

"I was raised by my parents to never give up, and not to take no for a first answer," she said. "And I thought it was such a coincidence that Obama would speaking on the same day as Dr. King."

Soon, she was on an airplane headed for Denver.

August, 1963

The buses were lined up like soldiers in Queens, New York, and a 15-year-old Jacqueline Galloway was among many people waiting for a ride to Washington DC.

Put on a bus by her mother, Helen Bell Galloway, the teen boarded a bus – she didn't know a soul in the rows of seats – despite the fact that her father, Joseph, was concerned that his daughter would be traveling alone.

"I remember there were about 2,000 buses on the New Jersey Turnpike," she said. "My father understood that it was important for me to go – and he knew my family from down south would be there."

When she finally arrived in Washington, there were already 300,000 people assembled at the Washington Monument, waiting for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King to speak in what is now called the March on Washington. Dr. King was speaking there to implore lawmakers find ways to deal with social inequities and racism, and to encourage his followers to partake in peaceful demonstration.

Jaqueline Galloway-Blake said it was definitely peaceful.

"There were police officers that were on duty, because the city was sure there would be violence," she said. "But they basically just watched – there wasn't much else for them to do."

"What I remember most is that there were all sorts of people there," she said. "There were black people, white people, men, women, people of different backgrounds," she said. "I was alone there, but if I needed something, I could just ask someone."

On Aug. 28, 1963, after several speakers – like current Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, and entertainment from Mahalia Jackson, Dr. King delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech, and Galloway said she was blown away.

Forty-five years would go by before she had that feeling again.

Divine intervention

By attending the convention, Galloway-Blake said she had come full-circle.

"I believe this was set into motion for me by God," she said. "There are many coincidences."

"On the way to the convention, I met one of Michelle Obama's classmates, and she invited me to an event, where I met Dr. King's daughter, Bernice. I told her about my experiences."

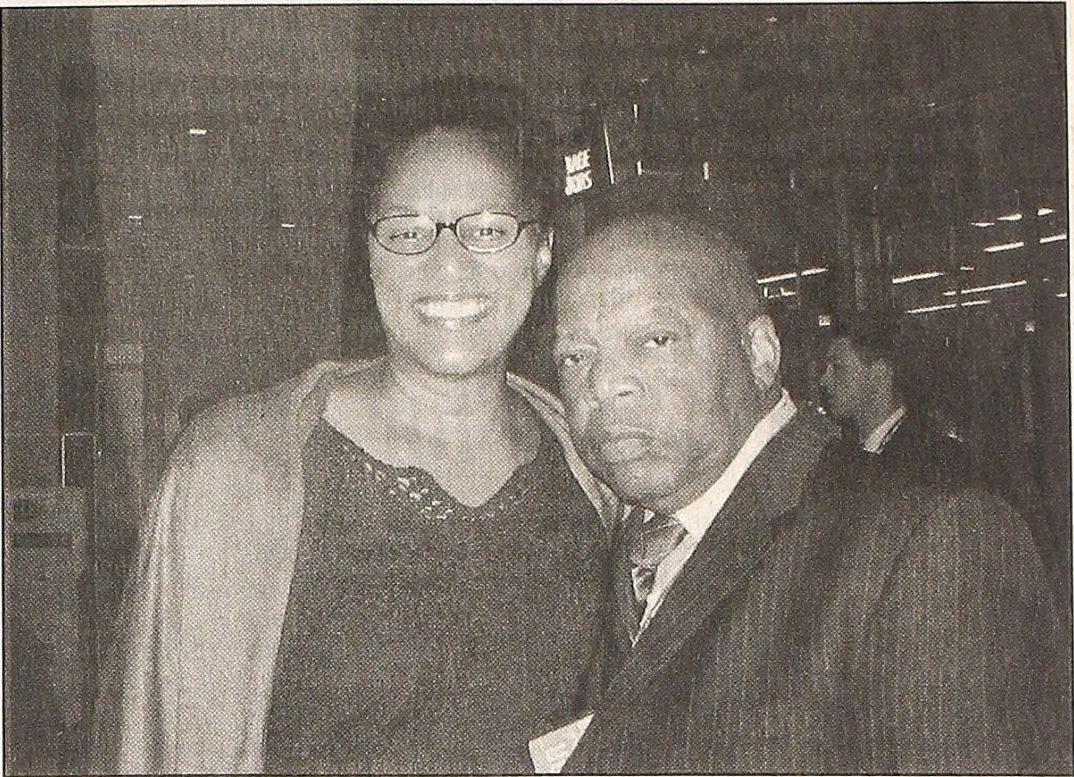
Bernice King was not the only one interested in Galloway-Blake's story: several media outlets followed her during the convention. Also, she had the chance to meet Deval Patrick, who she watched speak as a teen.

She took several photos, both in 1963 and in 2008, but her memories will last long after the photographs fade.

If Obama doesn't win the November contest, Galloway-Blake will be disappointed, but it won't diminish her experiences, she said.

For Galloway-Blake, whose family is only three generations removed from slavery and whose family endured the wrongs of the segregated south, the convention and the March on Washington were similar, she said.

"People from different backgrounds came together in the hope and belief that things can change," she said.



Jacqueline Galloway-Blake (left) spoke to Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick (right), whom she also saw speak during the March on Washington in 1963.



At 15 years old, Jacqueline Galloway-Blake visited the mall in Washington DC.



One of the signs Jacqueline Galloway-Blake saw on the many buses at the capital in 1963.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 08-19-08 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE REGULATIONS OF VAN BUREN TO ADD INDUSTRIAL ACCESSORY OUTDOOR STORAGE.

Second reading for adoption.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren; Section 15.02; M1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, PERMITTED USES.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.	ORDINANCE AMENDMENT	
Section 15.02.k.	Accessory Outdoor Industrial Storage.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.1.	Accessory Outdoor Storage Areas.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.2.	Storage Area Set Back.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.3.	Non-Required Rear or Side Yard.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.4.	May Not Cover an Area Larger Than 20%.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.5.	The Maximum Height.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.5.a.	Rear Yard Set Back.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.5.b.	Side Yard Set Back.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.6.	Shall Not Impede or Obstruct.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.7.	Must Be Maintained.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.8.	Shall Comply With Safety Regulations.	ADD
Section 15.02.k.9.	Shall Be Located on Paved Impervious Surfaces.	ADD
SECTION 2.	CONFLICTS.	ADD
SECTION 3.	SEVERABILITY.	ADD
SECTION 4.	EFFECTIVE DATE.	ADD

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 2nd day of September, 2008.

YEAS :	Jahr, Payne, Rochowiak, Budd, Clair, Hart and King.
NAYS :	None.
ABSENT:	None.
ABSTAINED:	None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Adopted: September 2, 2008
Effective: September 2, 2008
Publish: August 28, 2008
September 11, 2008

CITY OF ROMULUS

City of Romulus is accepting applications for part time bus drivers for the Senior Center.

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Romulus, MI

Publish: September 11, 2008

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL 46425 TYLER ROAD

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in existing Industrial Development District #8 pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Statewide Boring & Machine, Inc., 6401 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours. If you have any questions regarding the Public Hearing, please contact me at 734-699-8909 during regular business hours.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: September 4, 2008
September 11, 2008

SPORTS

New a-rival Glenn beats Wayne in round 1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The rivalry between Wayne Memorial and John Glenn in soccer was never really apparent. At least not like it is in other sports.

In the past, the two soccer teams would meet once a year in a crossover game that was essentially meaningless—except for bragging rights.

Now the Rockets and the Zebras converge on the soccer field twice a year and not just as cross-town rivals but also as central division opponents. Now, not just once but twice, the game will count in the race for division and conference honors.

Glenn took advantage of the first meeting and beat host Wayne, 4-1, on Thursday.

The Rockets appeared to construct an invisible wall at center-field that only they could penetrate. Wayne played well on defense at times, but struggled to clear the ball past midfield where waiting Glenn players were eager to take over.

And take over, they did.

Glenn had an opportunity at

the 10:21 mark of the first half but the Wayne keeper made a diving save to keep the score tied at zero.

The Rockets had another chance seven minutes later when junior Nelson Kenne took a pass on the doorstep of the Wayne goal-keeper. Kenne couldn't settle the

“The first half was the worst half ever since we started the season. We didn't have any communication. We just overrated ourselves against Wayne.”

ball down enough to take the point-blank shot.

Glenn finally got the break it was looking for with 20:58 left in the half when senior Jeremy Gaglead strong-armed his way through defenders and drilled a low spinner into the net.

Wayne ended the half with two free kicks but couldn't get any-

thing going. Glenn went into the intermission with a 1-0 advantage.

Despite the coveted one-goal lead, Glenn Coach Jimmy Mortada was hoping for more from his Rockets.

“The first half was the worst half ever since we started the season,” he said. “We didn't have any communication. We just overrated ourselves against Wayne. I don't know what happened. I don't call this game a good game.”

Glenn stepped up its game in the second half.

Ten minutes in, senior captain Jacob Gates sent a light bloop in for a 2-0 advantage. About a minute later senior captain Sergio Pavan made it a 3-0 contest when he knocked in a rebound. With 27:03 remaining in the game senior Khalid Suleiman put the game out of reach, 4-0, with a rocket from the right side.

The Zebras still had some fight in them. With 4:05 left to play captain, Doug Malcom—off a pass from Jacob Hewitt—cut into the lead, 4-1.

“In the second half I told them we have no choice and that (Wayne) can tie us at anytime,”



Glenn senior Logan Chaston, right, breaks up a pass by Wayne's Zachary Giroud last week in the first of two rivalry meetings between the neighboring schools. Glenn won the match, 2-1.

Mortada said. “I have to give credit to Wayne for the way they tried to get in the game. I'd like to see more rivalry. I work in Wayne and I'd like to see them do well. I like

Wayne. I have respect for them and I think they have good coach.”

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Mott upsets Wayne Zebras

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Wayne Zebra football team showed signs of improvement from last week but they couldn't hold off visiting Waterford Mott in a 22-14 loss on Friday night.

It came down to turnovers and the Zebras made plenty of them.

Wayne lost four of its six fumbles to Mott.

But that wasn't it. The turnover that broke the Zebras' back was a fumble that they forced but couldn't recover. Mott's Marc Pressley picked it up instead and scampered 91 yards to pay dirt with 7:21 left to play in the fourth.

The play put Mott up for the second time, 20-14.

“Turnovers killed us,” said Wayne Coach Kevin Weber. “You can't turn the ball over like that and expect to win. Not to take anything away from Mott, but we beat ourselves.”

The game started off in favor of Wayne. Quarterback Nick Mills fired a shot to CJ Johnson for a 48-yard score. Kicker Jesse Dorow followed with the point after to make it a 7-0 game about mid way through the first.

With five seconds left in the quarter Mott quarterback Tyler Bush rushed in from 10 yards out. Wayne kept a 7-6 lead headed into the second.

Both defenses stood tall through the second but it was Mott that took a 13-7 lead into the locker room at the half. Pressley snuck in from 10 yards for the score.

Wayne opened the second half with a huge defensive play. Alex Bledsoe forced and recovered a fumble and returned it 34 yards

for a touchdown. Dorow's kick put the Zebras back on top, 14-13.

Then the fumbled forced fumble cost Wayne in the fourth.

And to rub it in Mott sacked Mills in the end zone for a safety with 1:43 left to play.

“Last week we almost stole a game,” Weber said. “This week we gave the game away. We have to find ways to win, and not create ways to lose.”

On the positive side Wayne's defense had a good day despite a few big plays by Mott. The Zebras only gave up six first downs to Mott. But had a hard time keeping tabs on Pressley who racked up 166 of the Corsairs' 276 total yards.

Despite leaving the field momentarily in the first with a black eye with a gash under it, Zakk Hardyniec led Wayne with 13 tackles. Ramsay Hart had 12. Matt Mills earned two sacks and Johnson had one interception.

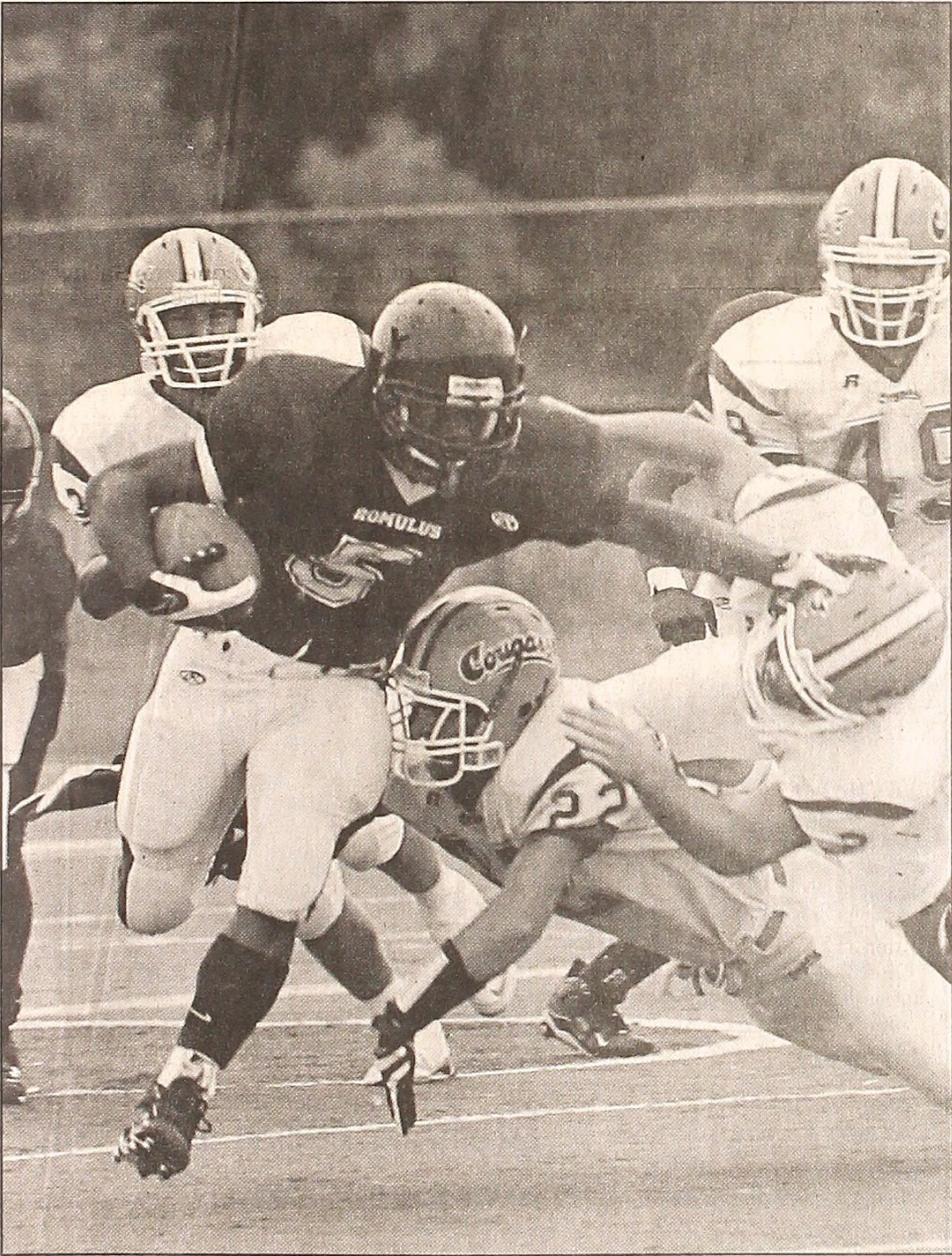
“Our Defense played great,” Weber said. “Offensively, we can't blow opportunities inside the 20 like we did, and we can't set our defense up for failure like we did.”

Mills was 8-of-15 for 115 yards through the air but lost three of his four fumbles. Johnson was on the receiving end of five passes for 102 yards. Sean Ogle led the rushing attack with 12 carries for 69 yards. Richard Haley added 66 yards on 14 tries.

“Our kids are tough; they will fight back,” Weber said.

“This is not how I thought things would go, but we are going in the right direction. We just are moving slower than I expected. We will get it going.”

Wayne hosts Franklin at 7 p.m. tomorrow.



Romulus junior running back Marcel Rogers (5) racked up 147 yards against Garden City on Friday night. The Eagles picked apart the Cougars, 41-13.

Romulus devours Garden City

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagles were starving for a win and the visiting Garden City Cougars looked delectable on Friday night.

Romulus played like a playoff team it almost was two seasons ago as they picked apart the Garden City defense by ground and by air and the Eagle defense snuffed the Cougar attack in the 41-13 victory.

After a winless 2007 campaign and a loss to Southgate (48-0) in the season opener the previous week, the thrashing was just what the Eagles needed to get on the right track.

“It feels good,” said Romulus Coach Keith Wittkopp. “I had to watch that 0-9 seasons last year and starting this season, going 0-1. I was scared a little bit so this feels great.”

The Eagle defense was on a mission to shutout Garden City, according to Wittkopp. They did for the first half anyway and made their statement early. Garden City went further backward than forward on its game-

opening drive and settled to punt.

That put the Romulus offense on the field. Two plays later junior running back Marcel Rogers busted through the line and kept going for a 49-yard touchdown run with 9:38 left in the first quarter.

The defense stepped up again when junior Demetri Clanton intercepted a Cougar pass to put the ball back in the offense's hands. That set up a five-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Rodney Cofield to senior receiver Demetrius Price eight seconds into the second frame.

Senior Jon Hawbaker made it a 19-point game when he broke loose for a 35-yard score. Cofield ran in the two-point conversion for a 21-0 lead with 5:52 left in the half.

Garden City handed Romulus another opportunity when they botched a punt return. Romulus recovered on the cougar 22-yard line. Four plays later Cofield connected with Price for a 28-0 half time lead.

The Cougars clawed their way back into

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Chiefs ground Eagles

The Canton Chiefs defense was in prime form last week when they faced a tough White Lake Lakeland Eagle squad at home on Friday. It didn't matter how tough the Eagles were the Chiefs were tougher and pulled out a 24-14 victory. Canton let few get by them early—like the 74-yard pass play that put the Eagles on the board first. Canton answered with a 91-yard pass play by Kevin Delapaz to Dakota Dark-Bird. Delapaz gave the Chiefs a 14-6 lead with a 10-yard pass play to Todd Turfe in the third. Lakeland knotted things at the bottom of the frame. Adam Payter scored on a 19-yard run and Dan Stoney nailed a 29-yard field goal to put the Chiefs up, 24-14. The defense picked up for Canton and picked off three consecutive passes by Donny Barlow, Alex Dixon and Arron Boudreaux. Canton hosts Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Friday. Photo by Ken Garner



Belleville Tiger kickers open season 3-1-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With an unexpected flourish of offensive power, the Belleville varsity soccer team is off to one of its best starts in recent history.

The Tigers improved to 3-1-1 overall and remained undefeated (3-0) in Mega Blue competition.

"We haven't had a start like this for some time," said Belleville Coach Brent Held. "I can't remember the last time we did. I thought we were going to be lacking on offense this season but we've managed find our way around it. This start has done a lot for our confidence."

The offense was in question this year after graduating all four of the team's top scorers: Ryan Meyers, Sergei Anderson, Chadd Scruggs and Chad Osier.

Even so, Held has 10 players returning from last year's roster. Five of them are seniors, including midfielders Jeff Grant and Ben Martin; forward Steve Towler; and defenders Matt Davis and Harry O'Neill.

Four juniors are back on the roster, too. Zack Whitmer shores up the defense; Patrick Mudroch is at forward; Royce Acho at midfield; and Jesse Childers secures net.

Aaron Meyers is the lone sophomore returning to the group as a midfielder.

Mudroch and Meyers have already helped fill the scoring gap left by the four graduated seniors. They each scored a goal against Ypsilanti last Wednesday and scored two goals each against Redford Union.

The offense as a whole scored eight goals in the last two games to beat Ypsilanti, 3-2, and Redford

"We haven't had a start like this for some time."

**Belleville Coach
Brent Held**

Union, 5-4. Belleville's only loss was to Dearborn to open the season and the Tigers tied Gibraltar Carlson.

New to the squad this year are senior Nathan Hand; junior Mo Fujii; sophomores Alex Voss and Robert VanAssche. Freshman Phil Hammond and Zach Juchartz join his brother, Alex.

VanAssche and Childers are rotating time in net, according to Held.

Midfield play and defense were the expected strong suits for Belleville.

"Defense has played solid, which I expected with the experience returning," Held said. "The

midfield has done a nice job in transition up from defense to forwards."

Held said that the offense is a surprise.

"Hand has been a nice addition," held said. "He's a tall, strong player that causes a lot of havoc up front and his hard to defend. Towler creates a lot of chances with speed that breaks down defenses and gets him behind defenders."

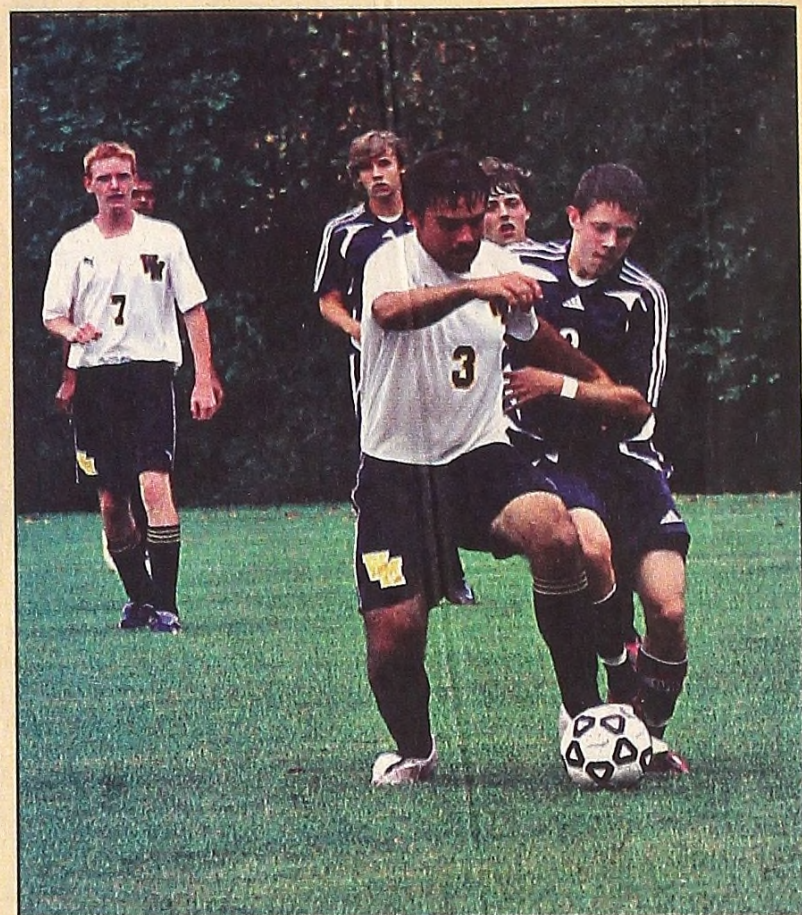
Hand has two goals and an assist and Towler a goal so far this season.

Belleville battled back from a 1-0 first half deficit against Ypsilanti last week. About eight minutes into the second Meyers scored unassisted to knot the score, 1-1. With about 15 minutes left Davis scored the go-ahead goal. Ypsilanti scored on a penalty kick with 13:55 left and Belleville answered with a penalty kick by Mudroch to put the game away, 3-2, with about 8:00 left.

The season is young yet but the Tigers have their sights set high this year.

"We want to win the league this year," Held said. "We're set up to do it. The bulk of the team is made up of seniors and juniors, making it pretty obtainable as long as we stay healthy."

Belleville is at Melvindale at 4:30 pm on Monday. The Tigers tied with the Cardinals for third place in the league last year.



Wayne kicker Kevin Glass (3) tries to get things going against Glenn captain Jacob Gates.

Rivalry

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Glen improved to 2-3-1 and Wayne fell to 0-4-1 with the loss.

"It just wasn't our game today," said first-year Wayne Coach Ashley Cooley.

"We're facing some injuries and that doesn't help. We did pretty well back on defense but when we cleared the ball we had trouble keeping it up top because of the gaps we were facing in between the midfield and forwards. I think when we play them again I think it will be a different game."

The coaches feel that playing twice will only intensify the rivalry between the two teams.

"I think it's great that we play them twice," Cooley said. "Now we have a feel for how they play and what type of competition we're facing. I think next time we will go in

even stronger. In all I think we had a good game. We have some things to work on—we'll come together."

"This adds to the rivalry because they want to get back the second time," Mortada added. "I know we won on paper but I am not satisfied how we played. I know that we are way better than this. We usually play with more ball movement. For some reason today everyone wants to score. We usually play more organized."

Wayne and Glenn meet again at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at John Glenn.

Until then Wayne hosts Canton at 4 p.m. today and is at Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Glenn will see if they can keep the momentum going against visiting Franklin at 4 p.m. today and host Farmington Harrison at 12:30 on Saturday and host Canton at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Dearborn outpaces Tigers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers struggled in their second effort on the grid-iron last week. They fell to host Dearborn, 42-26.

Belleville mistakes allowed Dearborn to go ahead with a 21-0 lead in the first quarter. They were up, 35-12, by the end of the half. Dearborn had a big kickoff return in the third quarter and scored on the ensuing drive to make it a 42-12 game.

The Tigers shored up their defense to keep Dearborn scoreless the rest of the way, which gave the offense a chance to whittle away at the 30-point deficit.

Speedy senior quarterback Lorenzo Reese had his hand in three of the team's four scores. Reese capped off a drive in the second quarter with a 25-yard pass

to junior halfback Keenan Hayes for the team's first touchdown. Then he took command of the fourth quarter. He finished off a 47-yard drive with a 14-yard jaunt to the end zone and ended the game with an 11-yard touchdown run.

Despite the loss, Belleville showed improvements on the offensive side of the ball.

The Tigers showed they could move the ball, and for long distances. In the second quarter Belleville had two drives that spanned 80-plus yards. The Reese-Hayes pass topped off the first—an 84-yard push. Junior Antonio LaBoda battled his way to pay dirt from three yards out to finish off an 82-yard drive, too.

"The offense is getting better," said Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe. "We had more yards than before and made some big plays."

On the other side of the ball, Belleville gave up three big plays that led to touchdowns and Dearborn started three times from inside the Belleville 20, according to LaPointe.

"I think we might have actually taken a step backward on defense," LaPointe said. "Dearborn didn't do anything that

we didn't practice for. We can't continue to give teams a short field and expect to win."

Belleville, now 0-2 on the season, has lost 13 straight but will try to turn things around when they host rival Fordson at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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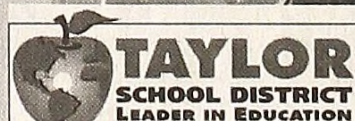


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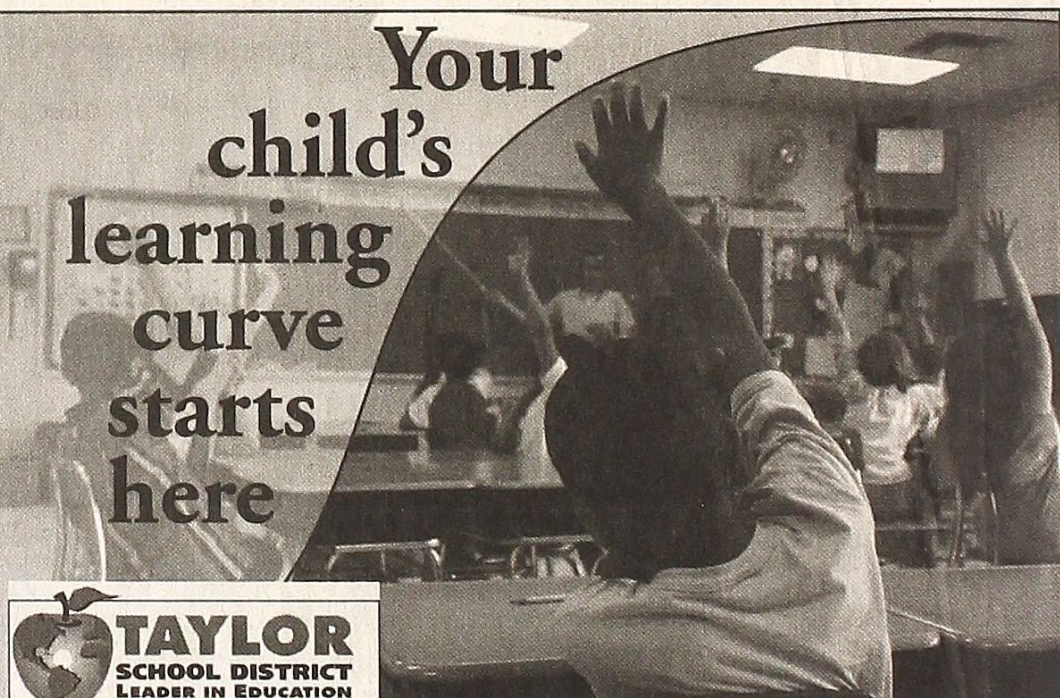
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the game and ended Romulus' hope for a shutout when they scored on a 26-yard pass by Robert Snyder to Chris Crawford with 3:50 left in the third. Then Snyder connected with Bryan Grace with 10:25 left to play, cutting into the Eagles' lead, 28-13.

On second and goal from the Cougar 17, Cofield found senior tight end Dan Davis for a score to make it a 34-13 game. Hawbaker finished off his stellar game and the scoring with an interception return for a 45-yard touchdown.

Romulus senior defensive back Jawan Bailey made the last defensive play of the game—an interception that allowed the Eagles to run out the clock.

The ground attack finished with 299 total yards on 54 carries between seven players. Rogers led the way with 147 yards on 17 carries. Cofield was 10-of-21 for 138 yards in the air

for three scores. Davis grabbed five passes for 99 yards.

Junior linebacker Antonio James led the defense with 19 tackles. Senior linemen Ciapha Reeves and Jeremy Streeter each had a sack.

“Coming into it we focused this week on conditioning and making sure that we were ready and hustling,” Wittkopp said. “And the guys rose to what we asked them to. We told them that we were going to be harder on them and they were excepting of it and it showed. And he defense gave me everything they could.”

Romulus improved to 1-1 and head to Highland Park at 4 p.m. tomorrow. The Polar Bears are fresh off of a victory over Inkster on Saturday.

“There are obviously some things that we need to work on and I think we need to put together four quarters,” Wittkopp said of preparing for this week's match. “We have to stay focused on our conditioning and do like the coaches and players like to say: we need to hustle, hit and never quit.”



Romulus linebacker Dan Davis wraps up Garden City running back Chris Crawford in the first quarter on Friday.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 25, 2008
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Harry Crout, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-275

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 11, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Abstain - Burcroff.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-276

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to adopt a resolution of Appreciation for Joe Sanchez, who completed his Eagle Scout Project at the Elmer Johnson Park.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-277

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to grant a no-fee permit for the 2008 Romulus Bulldogs Community Charity Run to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-278

3C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution in support of Joseph Forbush's request to clean and repaint the City of Romulus Animal Shelter as his Eagle Scout Project.

08-279

4A. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout congratulating Reverend Clarence Love on his Ordination.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-280

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution in support of the DCC and the CWW participation in the Governor's Centers for Regional Excellence Program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-281

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Kristen Irwin, Park and Recreation Director to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into equipment storage agreements with Romulus Flyers and Romulus Little League.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-282

5C. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway, Tom Wilson, DPW Director and David Allison, Fire Chief to award bid 07/08-3 I, for the annual testing and inspection of the aerial and ground ladders of the Romulus Fire Department as required by NFPA 1911 to the lowest bidder, Non-Destructive Testing Group.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-283

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-36:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Federal Law Enforcement Fund				
Revenue				
267-3710-512.65-40	Fed Narcotic Fines & Forfeitures	0	264,000	264,000
Expense				
267-3710-737.73-05	Fed. Law Enforcement Operating Supplies	0	11,000	11,000
Fund Balance Supplies				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fed. Law Enf. Fund Balance	103,253	253,000	356,253

Budget amounts necessary to cover the Federal Law Enforcement revenues (deemed not possible to predict at the beginning of the fiscal year by its Administration) and an operating supply budget to cover fuel cost for Vehicles used for this funds' activity.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-284

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-37:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Sanitation Fund				
Expense				
226-4710-747.74-19	Garbage & Rubbish Removal	643,731	6,930	650,661
Fund Balance				
226-0000-390.00-00	Sanitation Fund Balance	14,754	(6,930)	7,824

Budget increase to cover the balance of the 07/08 general rubbish pick-up due to increased fuel surcharges and the cost of additional roll -offs for spring clean-up.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-285

5F. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroffto Introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-38:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Building Authority Debt Service Fund				
Revenue				
303-0000-410.66-50	Bldg Authority Invest.Earnings	217	500	717
Expense				
303-2310-723.77-31	Bldg Authority Contractual SVCS	0	500	500

Budget increase to cover the Digital Assurance Certification expense and to cover additional interest income earned in 07/08 in the Building Authority Fund.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-286

5G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Tom Wilson, DPW Director to authorize the repair of the DPW Vactor #120 Model 2115-36 from the sole source equipment vendor, Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc., cost not to exceed \$5,055.22.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-287

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to authorize the attendance of a City of Romulus Elected Official wishing to attend the Municipal League Annual Convention to be held on Mackinac Island, October 1-4, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-288

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final approval of Budget Amendment 07/08-35, introduced at the Council Meeting held August 11, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-289

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with recommendation of legal counsel, Kevin Watts and Tom Wilson, Director of DPW to amend Ordinance Chapter 37, Article 11, Section 37 - 31; Inaccessible Meters.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-290

6A4. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to adopt the following Traffic Control Orders in the Avalon Subdivision:

1. All traffic shall stop on the northeast corner of Concord Drive at Canterbury Drive.
2. All traffic shall stop on the northwest corner of Cambridge Drive at Abbey Drive.
3. All traffic shall stop on the southeast corner of Canterbury Drive at Abbey Drive.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-291

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 08-16 in the dollar amount of One Million, Two Hundred Ninety Five Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty Five Dollars and Two Cents. (\$1,295,435.02)

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

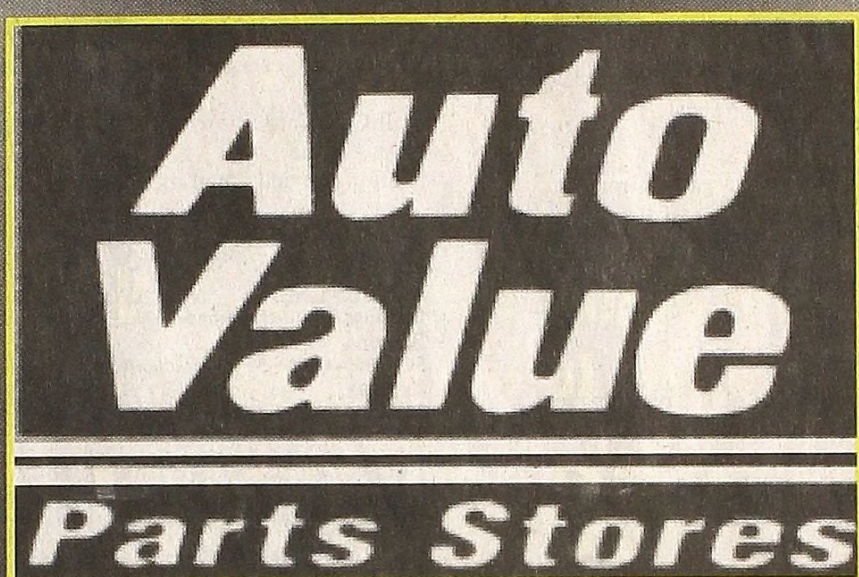
I, Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 25, 2008.

Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk
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